IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

EASTERN DIVISION

ROBERT G. WINGO,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

No. CV 0 0368

THYSSENKRUPP MATERIALS NA, INC.

D/B/A COOPER AND BRASS

SALES, INC.

DEFENDANTS,
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This is the discovery deposition of Mark

DEMIEN, taken in the above-entitled cause before

GWENDOLYN BEDFORD, a Notary Public and Certified

Shorthand Reporter within and for the County of Cook,

State of Illinois, taken at the offices of VICTORIA

COURT REPORTING SERVICES, INC., 29 South LaSalle

Street, Suite 200, Chicago, Illinois, held on the 12th

day of June, 2008 at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

pursuant to notice.

Page 7 And what is your present cell phone number? 1 0 (847)736-7727. 2 A What is your date of birth? 0 December 22, 1961. A 5 And what is your present age? Q A Forty-six. What is your Social Security number? 7 Q MR. DISBROW: You can go ahead and give it to 9 her. I'll object as to relevance, but you can go ahead 10 and give it to her. THE WITNESS: 11 MR. DISBROW: We'll ask pursuant to the 12 13 statute that that number be kept private and 14 confidential. MR. DISBROW: Mark, didn't understand exactly 15 16 what you meant by "party to a lawsuit". He wanted to 17 clarify that there was a divorce proceeding. You can 18 clarify that for her. 19 THE WITNESS: With my ex-wife. MS. WEGNER: So you have been divorced. 20 21 Other than divorce proceedings, have you sued anyone or 22 any entity or has anyone or any entity sued you? 23 THE WITNESS: No.

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- 1 branch.
- 2 Q Why did your employment end with the Daily
- 3 Herald?
- 4 A I decided to seek employment elsewhere.
- 5 Q Have you ever been terminated from a position
- 6 of employment?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q When you began working with Cooper and Brass
- 9 Sales in October of 1996 as a Receiving Supervisor,
- 10 what was your rate of pay?
- 11 A I believe the salary was \$27,000 per year.
- 12 O And how long were you Receiving Supervisor
- 13 with Copper and Brass Sales?
- 14 A Up until 20, up until 2003.
- 15 Q How many people did you supervise typically
- 16 as the Receiving Supervisor for Copper and Brass Sales?
- 17 A Three, two to three.
- 18 Q What is the next position that you assumed
- 19 after Receiving Supervisor of Copper and Brass Sales?
- 20 A Current position, Plant Supervisor.
- 21 Q Was the change from Receiving Supervisor to
- 22 Plant Supervisor a promotion?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q And who promoted you to Plant Supervisor?

- 1 attended early in your employment at Copper & Brass
- 2 Sales?
- 3 A The training was most of the day that I
- 4 remember.
- 5 Q What was the content of the supervisor
- 6 seminar that you attended early in your employment at
- 7 Cooper and Brass Sales?
- 8 MR. DISBROW: Object to the extent that you
- 9 recall.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Dealing with subordinate
- 11 employees.
- 12 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 13 Q Do the second shift employees at Cooper and
- 14 Brass Sales report to a particular person?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Who do the second shift employees report to?
- 17 A Chris Ignacio.
- 18 Q And what, to your knowledge, is Chris
- 19 Ignacio's title?
- 20 A Second Shift Plant Supervisor.
- 21 Q How long has Mr. Ignacio been the Second
- 22 Shift Plant Supervisor at Cooper and Brass Sales?
- 23 A Roughly two years.
- 24 Q Your son, Tyler, worked at Cooper and Brass

- 1 Sales, correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And when did Taylor begin working at Cooper
- 4 and Brass Sales?
- 5 A Approximately three and a half year ago, I
- 6 believe.
- 7 O And in what position did your son, Tyler,
- 8 begin working at Copper and Brass Sales?
- 9 A Union Helper.
- 10 Q When Tyler began working at Cooper and Brass
- 11 Sales three and a half years ago, what shift did he
- 12 work on as Union Helper?
- 13 A I believe he was on first shift.
- 14 Q Did Tyler at some point in time stop being
- 15 Union Helper at Cooper and Brass Sales?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q When was Tyler no longer a Union Helper at
- 18 Cooper and Brass Sales?
- 19 A When he became a Warehouseman and I'm not
- 20 sure exactly when that was.
- 21 Q Do you know how long Tyler was a Union
- 22 Helper?
- 23 A Probably a year. I can't recall the exact
- 24 time frame.

- 1 Q When Tyler became a Warehouseman, what shift
- 2 did he work on?
- 3 A Second shift.
- 4 O And how long did Tyler work on the second
- 5 shift as a Warehouseman once he assumed the
- 6 Warehouseman position?
- 7 MR. DISBROW: Objection. Foundation.
- 8 Assumes facts not in evidence.
- 9 You can answer, if you can.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I'm not exactly sure, maybe six
- 11 months.
- 12 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 13 Q What shift is Tyler currently working at
- 14 Cooper and Brass Sales?
- 15 A Third shift.
- 16 Q And for how long has Tyler worked on the
- 17 third shift at Copper and Brass Sales?
- 18 A At least a year. I'm not exactly sure of the
- 19 exact time frame.
- 20 Q What are the third shift hours at Cooper and
- 21 Brass Sales?
- 22 A 11 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.
- 23 Q And what are the first shift hours at Cooper
- 24 and Brass Sales?

- 1 A Typically 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- 2 Q How long have the first and third shift hours
- 3 been in effect as you have described them to me at
- 4 Cooper and Brass Sales?
- 5 A As long as I can remember.
- 6 Q Then there is an overlap from the employees
- 7 from the third shift and the employees from the first
- 8 shift, right?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q What duties does your son, Tyler, currently
- 11 perform at Copper and Brass Sales as the Warehouseman?
- MR. DISBROW: Object as to form and
- 13 foundation. Answer to the degree that you know.
- 14 THE WITNESS: He drives a side loader.
- 15 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 16 Q How long has Tyler been in the position as a
- 17 Warehouseman primarily driving a side loader on the
- 18 third shift?
- 19 A Every since he started working third shift.
- 20 It was primarily a side loader driver.
- 21 O What is it that a side loader driver does at
- 22 Cooper and Brass Sales?
- 23 A He pulls material for customer work orders
- 24 and puts material away, stock for different

- 1 answer.
- 2 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 3 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 4 Q What is Exhibit Number 5 from Mr. Lunt's
- 5 deposition?
- 6 A Chicago Branch Work and Safety Rules.
- 7 Q Are you familiar with Mr. Wingo?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And when did you first become acquainted with
- 10 Mr. Wingo?
- 11 A I met him on my first day of employment.
- 12 Q And Mr. Wingo was already employed at Copper
- 13 and Brass Sales when you began, correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Did you have any involvement in the decision
- 16 to terminate Mr. Wingo's employment with Copper and
- 17 Brass Sales?
- 18 MR. DISBROW: I'm going to object to the form
- 19 and foundation. Vague as to what "involvement" means,
- 20 but you can certainly answer to the degree that you
- 21 know.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 23 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 24 Q And what was your involvement in the

- 1 termination of Mr. Wingo at Copper and Brass Sales?
- 2 A Listening to Mr. Lunt determine that
- 3 Mr. Wingo would be terminated.
- 4 O Do you know the basis of Mr. Lunt's
- 5 determination that Mr. Wingo would be terminated?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 O What is your understanding of the basis on
- 8 which Mr. Lunt determined that Mr. Wingo would be
- 9 terminated?
- 10 A Falsification of company documents.
- 11 O Based on your employment at Cooper and Brass
- 12 Sales, do you have an understanding of the
- 13 falsification of company documents at Copper and Brass
- 14 Sales?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And what is your definition of the
- 17 falsification of company documents at Copper and Brass
- 18 Sales?
- 19 A Writing untrue figures on a company document.
- 20 O And what company documents do you understand
- 21 Mr. Wingo allegedly falsified that resulted in his
- 22 termination?
- 23 A Production reports.
- 24 O During your employment at Copper and Brass

- 1 Pages 105 and 106 are packing slips.
- 2 MR. DISBROW: Is that a question, Counsel, or
- 3 a statement?
- 4 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 5 Q Did you accumulate these documents following
- 6 Page 105 and 106 for any reason?
- 7 MR. DISBROW: Object to form and foundation.
- 8 I don't know where those documents came from. They
- 9 appear to have Plaintiff's Counsel's numbers on them.
- 10 I don't know where these particular copies came from.
- 11 You can answer to the degree that you
- 12 know.
- 13 THE WITNESS: I don't know what "accumulate"
- 14 means.
- 15 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 16 Q When did it first become important to you to
- 17 write these notes on these Daily Production Logs at
- 18 Pages 105 and 106 of Exhibit --
- 19 MR. DISBROW: Objection as to form. I don't
- 20 know what that means.
- You can answer if you know.
- THE WITNESS: They were random checks.
- 23 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 24 Q And how often do you conduct random checks of

- 1 Daily Production Logs as the Plant Supervisor at Copper
- 2 and Brass Sales?
- 3 A I can't give you a concrete figure.
- 4 Sometimes weekly, sometimes daily, while I'm entering
- 5 them onto a computer spreadsheet.
- 6 Q What is the purpose for which you enter the
- 7 Daily Production Logs onto a computer spreadsheet?
- 8 A It is required by my job.
- 9 Q In looking at Exhibit Number 1, Pages 105 and
- 10 106, are those the documents that you referred to
- 11 earlier as production reports?
- 12 MR. DISBROW: Objection as to form. Are you
- 13 asking if they are examples of production logs?
- 14 MS. WEGNER: I'm asking whether this document
- 15 that is entitled "Production Log" is the production
- 16 report that he was referring to earlier when he said
- 17 that the employees were required to fill them out?
- 18 MR. DISBROW: I understand that, Counsel. I
- 19 think language is important. You said are these the
- 20 production logs, not examples of. I think that the
- 21 form is vague.
- You can answer if you know.
- 23 THE WITNESS: These appear to be copies of
- 24 the production logs that order fillers fill out when

- 1 they complete work orders.
- 2 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 3 Q And when we were talking earlier, you were
- 4 talking about production reports and training that you
- 5 are aware employees received on how to complete
- 6 production reports. And my question is, was that what
- 7 you were referring to?
- 8 A Yes, this right here. (Indicating)
- 9 Q The production log?
- 10 A The production log, they do fill those out.
- 11 O Do you, as the Plant Supervisor at Copper and
- 12 Brass Sales enter production logs prepared by all
- 13 employees at the plant at which you were the
- 14 supervisor?
- 15 A To where?
- 16 Q You say you enter them into a computer spread
- 17 sheet?
- 18 A Yes.
- MR. DISBROW: It is 11:33, whenever it is
- 20 convenient for you, I'm ready for a break.
- MS. WEGNER: Fine, I can do that.
- 22 (BRIEF RECESS)
- 23 (WHEREUPON Exibit 2 was marked
- 24 for identification)

- 1 the initials on the left-hand side next to Number 16
- 2 and 17, what did you think?
- 3 MR. DISBROW: Same objections. I don't
- 4 know -- I don't even understand the question. I think
- 5 it mischaracterizes his earlier testimony.
- 6 THE WITNESS: I don't understand the
- 7 question.
- 8 MR. DISBROW: I'm not trying to make a
- 9 talking objection, but hear me out for a minute. Jan,
- 10 Mark -- I believe his testimony is that he made those
- 11 notations, if you are talking about the initials? Are
- 12 you talking about the initials?
- MS. WEGNER: If that is true, then I
- 14 apologize. I'm mistaken. I thought he put the circle
- 15 there.
- THE WITNESS: I made the notations.
- 17 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 18 Q You made the initial --
- 19 A MEA, MEA.
- 20 Q Why did you write "MEA" on Line 16 and 17 of
- 21 Exhibit Number 2?
- 22 A As I was doing my random check of this
- 23 production log, by checking the computer as to who
- 24 actually filled the work order, what time the work

- 1 order was keypunched and completed, I discovered it was
- 2 filled by MEA, who is Mario Alvarez.
- 3 Q And why did the fact that when you were
- 4 checking on the computer you found that these orders
- 5 were filled by Mario Alvarez call anything into
- 6 question?
- 7 A Because Bob is writing them down as he is
- 8 claiming that he completed those orders.
- 9 O With respect to these two work orders for the
- 10 Daily Production Log on November 28, 2007 on Lines 16
- 11 and 17, were they entered into the computer on more
- 12 than one occasion?
- 13 MR. DISBROW: Objection as to foundation.
- 14 You can answer, if you know.
- 15 THE WITNESS: They can only get entered at
- 16 one time and a computer will document at what time the
- 17 work order is actually keypunched.
- 18 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 19 O So when you checked the work orders with
- 20 respect to the Daily Production Log on November 28,
- 21 2007, the last two items, who had actually keypunched
- 22 those work orders into the computer?
- 23 A That would be Mario Alvarez.
- 24 Q And do you know whether or not on

- 1 not clear.
- 2 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 3 O Who has covered in the training at Copper and
- 4 Brass Sales what employees are supposed to do when they
- 5 are supposed to work on a work order that is not
- 6 completed at the end of their shift?
- 7 A Various supervisors.
- 8 Q Where are the supervisors that you believe
- 9 have conducted training at Copper and Brass Sales what
- 10 employees are supposed to do if they are working on a
- 11 work order that they do not complete by the end of
- 12 their shift?
- 13 A To my knowledge all supervisors.
- 14 O Have you been present at every training
- 15 session conducted by supervisors at Copper and Brass
- 16 Sales regarding what employees should do when they are
- 17 working on a work order that they are unable to
- 18 complete at the end of their shift?
- 19 MR. DISBROW: Objection as to form and
- 20 foundation.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I can't recall, no.
- 22 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 23 O And what are the instructions that the
- 24 employees are given at Copper and Brass Sales in their

- 1 training regarding what they should do if they are
- 2 working on a work order that they are unable to
- 3 complete at the end of their shift?
- 4 A Employees are to write down completed work
- 5 orders on the production log that they complete.
- 6 Q Did you ever check any of Mr. Alvarez's
- 7 production logs to see whether or not he also made
- 8 notes on the production logs about problems that he
- 9 encountered with work orders?
- 10 A I can't recall specific times.
- MS. WEGNER: Let's make this Number 3.
- 12 (WHEREUPON Exhibit 3 was marked
- for identification)
- 14 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 15 O Exhibit Number 3, Mr. DeMien is a Daily
- 16 Production Log for November 29, 2007 on which you also
- 17 made notes as you told us earlier, correct?
- 18 MR. DISBROW: Objection. Assumes facts not
- 19 in evidence. Form of the question.
- You can answer the question.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I wrote down the circle and
- 22 wrote down "MEA", and wrote down "IG" and the arrow
- 23 pointing to these two works orders were "filled by
- 24 second shift" and my initials and the date. That is

- 1 what I wrote on this original copy.
- 2 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 3 Q And who do the initials "IG" refer to.
- 4 A I believe Isidro Garcia.
- 5 O Did you check any of Isidro Garcia's Daily
- 6 Production Logs to see if he made notes in the Comments
- 7 Section when he encountered a problem with the work
- 8 order?
- 9 A Not that I can recall.
- 10 O Do you recall having an argument with
- 11 Mr. Wingo at the end of August or the very beginning of
- 12 September 2007, with Pat Bishop present, where you
- 13 swore and yelled at Mr. Wingo?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q Were you ever made aware that Mr. Wingo
- 16 complained about the way you treated him at Copper and
- 17 Brass Sales?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And when were you made aware that Mr. Wingo
- 20 complained about your treatment of him at Copper and
- 21 Brass Sales?
- 22 A On -- I can't remember specifics, but on many
- 23 different occasions over the years.
- 24 O What complaints were you made aware of that

- 1 You can answer it again, Mark.
- 2 THE WITNESS: I can't recall the specific
- 3 person.
- 4 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 5 Q Are there any records at your plant that
- 6 would reflect who began working at the RBW non-process
- 7 station that Mr. Wingo had worked at after his
- 8 termination?
- 9 A I'm sure there is.
- 10 Q What would those records be that we could
- 11 look at to determine who began working at the RBW
- 12 non-processed station immediately after Mr. Wingo was
- 13 terminated?
- 14 A Production logs dated that day. Work order
- 15 activity, who filled the work orders dated that day.
- 16 Attendance records that will show all the warehousemen
- 17 that were present on that day.
- 18 Q Did your son, Tyler, move into the RBW
- 19 non-processed station that Mr. Wingo has worked at
- 20 after he was terminated?
- MR. DISBROW: Objection as to form. Vague.
- THE WITNESS: No.
- 23 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 24 Q Did you attend a meeting where Mr. Wingo was